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Gold processors would be required to reduce emissions of mercury by more than 73 percent under an Environmental Protection Agency proposed rule released April 16 that would impose air toxics controls for the industry....  
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Introduction of Bay Cleanup Bill Awaits Backing of Farmers, Developers, Cardin Says  
Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.) said April 15 he is trying to build greater support among farmers and developers before he introduces legislation to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program and expand the Environmental Protection Agency's authority...  
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Climate Should Be Focus of G-20 Meeting, Major Economies Forum, Groups Tell Leaders  
Climate change must be a priority in upcoming meetings of the Group of 20, environmental groups wrote in an April 16 letter to President Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper....  
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Future Carbon Market Could Be Governed By Multiple, Regional Pacts, U.S. Official Says  
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Moves to Derail California Climate Law Called Bad for Economy, Environment  
SAN FRANCISCO Efforts to derail California's climate change statute are misguided and bad for the state's economy and environment, California Resources Agency Secretary Lester Snow said April 15....  
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Preliminary Injunction Halts Regulators' Plans To Cap New Mexico Greenhouse Emissions  
PHOENIX A New Mexico state judge April 13 issued a preliminary injunction that halts state regulators' plans for regulations to cap greenhouse gas emissions (Leavell v. New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board, N.M. Dist....  
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Virginia, Alabama Seek Court Order Reopening EPA Endangerment Finding  
The attorneys general from Virginia and Alabama asked a federal appeals court April 15 to order the Environmental Protection Agency to reopen its December 2009 finding that greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light trucks endanger public...  
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Senate Energy Committee Seeks to Add More Efficiency Standards to Legislation  
Senate Democrats are considering writing new energy efficiency standards for items ranging from hot tubs to street lights that could be added to an energy policy bill when it comes to the floor, a Democratic aide said April 15....  
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The Department of Agriculture is seeking public comment on proposed loan and grant programs aimed at increasing production of advanced biofuels, Secretary Tom Vilsack announced April 16....  
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CHICAGO Alro Steel Corp. has agreed to pay a \$120,000 civil penalty under a consent agreement resolving allegations that the industrial supply company violated federal reporting requirements for hazardous chemicals, the Environmental...  
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Exxon Subsidiaries to Spend \$17.4 Million To Resolve Charges in Air Pollution Case  
Two Exxon Mobil Corp. subsidiaries agreed April 16 to pay a \$2.4 million penalty and spend \$15 million on new pollution controls to resolve alleged Clean Air Act violations at bulk gasoline terminals in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands...  
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ST. LOUIS The mayor and the public works superintendent of a city in central Missouri were indicted April 15 for allegedly violating the Safe Drinking Water Act, federal prosecutors announced (United States v. Sparks, W.D. Mo., No....  
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Lake Erie Harbor Removed From 'Areas of Concern'

OTTAWA The Canadian federal and Ontario provincial governments announced April 16 that Wheatley Harbor on Lake Erie will be removed from officially designated "areas of concern" in the Great Lakes. The harbor's water...

Hazmat Transport

Mexico Publishes Proposed Standards

On Labeling Hazmat Containers for Transport

MEXICO CITY Mexico s Communications and Transportation Ministry on April 12 published proposed labeling standards for containers used to transport hazardous substances and waste on federal highways....

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Endocrine Disruptor Program Said to Need

Better Test Designs, More Time for Screening

The Environmental Protection Agency's Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program needs improvements ranging from better test designs to a longer time frame to conduct tests and provide results to the agency, participants in a pesticide...

Pesticides

EPA Cancels Final Registration

For Use of Products Containing Maneb

The Environmental Protection Agency said April 16 it is canceling registration of the last remaining use in the United States of the fungicide maneb following a request by the registrant DuPont Crop Protection (75 Fed. Reg. 19,967)....

Radioactive Waste

Energy Department Opts for Two-Phase

Approach to Cleanup of West Valley Site

ALBANY, N.Y. The Department of Energy April 14 issued a record of decision calling for the West Valley radioactive waste site to be decommissioned in two phases....

Radioactive Waste

Washington State Files Lawsuit to Block

Withdrawal of Yucca License Application

PORTLAND, Ore. Washington Attorney General Rob McKenna (R) April 13 filed a lawsuit in federal appeals court to prevent the Department of Energy from withdrawing its license application to build the Yucca Mountain radioactive waste...

Superfund

EPA Official Says Agency Expects to Post

Interim Vapor Intrusion Guidance This Year

PHILADELPHIA An Environmental Protection Agency scientist said April 16 that the agency is "taking significant steps" toward finalizing guidance on vapor intrusion by the end of 2012 and expects to publish interim guidance...

Toxic Substances

TSCA Reform Discussions Must Include

Logistical Issues, Former EPA Staff Say

As the House and Senate consider legislation that would revise the Toxic Substances Control Act, legislators need to address practical issues such as making sure the Environmental Protection Agency has the resources to hire staff to carry...

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